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SUBJECT: U.S. RESIDUAL ACTIVITIES IN THAILAND - INTEGRATED
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (ICS)

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1. FOLLOWING IS A DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT ON THE
TURNOVER OF THE INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM TO THE
ROYAL THAI ARMED FORCES. THIS VERSION USES CHANGES MADE
IN REF A/AS ITS BASE, INCORPORATING REVISIONS SUGGESTED

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BY U.S. - THAI WORKING GROUP.

BEGIN TEXT:

1. SUBJECT TO AND WITH THE PRIOR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT (RTG) AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT (USG) HAVE AGREED TO TRANSFER THE UNITED STATES (U.S.) OWNED INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (ICS) WITHIN THAILAND TO THE ROYAL THAI ARMED FORCES (RTARF), THIS MEMORANDUM DEFINES THE PROCEDURES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR TRANSFERRING THE SYSTEM AND FOR PROVIDING SUPPORT OF RESIDUAL U.S. COMMUNICATIONS REQUIREMENTS.

2. THIS MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT COVERS THE U.S. MILITARY TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM COMMONLY CALLED THE "ICS" AND INCLUDES THE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT; TEST, MAINTENANCE AND DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT (TMDE); TOOLS; AIR CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT; BUILDINGS; ANTENNAS; CABLE PLANT; POWER GENERATING EQUIPMENT; FURNITURE AND MISCELLANEOUS FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE REPAIR PARTS AND SUPPLIES AT EACH OF THE ICS SITES LISTED BELOW AND AT THE AREA MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY FACILITY (AMSF).

BANGKOK (BKK)	KORAT (KRT)	TAKHLI (TKL)
CHIANG MAI (CMI)	NAKON PHANOM (NKP)	UBON (UBN)
DON MUANG (DMG)	PHITSANULOK (PSL)	UDORN (UDN)
GREEN HILL (GNH)	PHU KHIEO (PKO)	UTAPAO (UTP)
KHO KHA (KKA)	RAMASUN (RMS)	WARIN (WRN)
KHON KAEN (KHK)	SATTAHIP (SHP)	

3. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AGREES TO MAKE THOSE COMPONENTS OF THE ICS THAT ARE NOT EXCESS TO THE NEEDS OF THE U.S. AVAILABLE TO THE RTARF AT NO COST ON A BAILMENT BASIS. (SEE APPENDIX)

4. THE RTARF AGREES TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFE-GUARDING ALL COMPONENTS OF THE SYSTEM ACCEPTED UNDER THE BAILMENT. COMPONENTS ACCEPTED UNDER BAILMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED IN AN "AS-IS, WHERE-IS" CONDITION AND, WHEN RETURNED TO U.S. CONTROL, THE COMPONENTS WILL BE RETURNED IN AN "AS-IS, WHERE-IS" CONDITION.

5. THE RTARF AGREES THAT THE USG WILL NOT FUND THE
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OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, OR SECURITY FOR ANY ICS SITE.

6. THE RTARF AGREES TO PROVIDE THE USG WITH MESSAGE AND TELEPHONE SERVICE BETWEEN THE CHIANG MAI RTARF COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AND THE U.S. EMBASSY ON A 24 HOUR-A-DAY BASIS AT NO COST TO THE USG. EQUIPMENT, FACILITIES, AND OPERATORS AT CHIANG MAI WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE RTARF. EQUIPMENT, FACILITIES AND OPERATORS AT THE U.S. EMBASSY

WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE U.S. EMBASSY. THE QUALITY OF COMMUNICATION SERVICES WILL MEET ACCEPTABLE STANDARDS. THE U.S. WILL PROVIDE TECHNICAL INSPECTION OF THE CHIANG MAI/BANGKOK LINKS UPON REQUEST OF THE RTARF. THE RTARF AGREES TO PROVIDE TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE KORAT AMMUNITION STORAGE DEPOT AND JUSMAGTHAI ON A 24 HOUR-A-DAY BASIS AT NO COST TO THE USG. COMMON USER SERVICE WILL SUFFICE FOR THIS REQUIREMENT.

7. THE RTARF AGREES TO PURCHASE TECHNICAL OR MAINTENANCE ASSISTANCE REQUIRED FROM THE U.S. \$9\$ 9, -, "AN REQUIRED" BASIS. REPLACEMENT PARTS MUST BE PURCHASED FROM U.S. SUPPLY SOURCES. U.S. PERSONNEL PERFORMING TECHNICAL/ MAINTENANCE TASKS WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE JUSMAG FOR THE PERIOD OF TIME THAT THEY ARE IN THAILAND.

8. THE U.S. AGREES THAT THE CURRENT MAP-FUNDED ICS TRAINING PROGRAM OF THREE TRAINING CYCLES TO QUALIFY RTARF PERSONNEL TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE ICS EQUIPMENT, AND ANY OTHER MAP TRAINING, ARE SPECIFICALLY EXEMPTED FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE FIRST SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 7 ABOVE. ALL MAP TRAINING IS SUBJECT TO FUNDING AVAILABILITY.

9. THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE EFFECTIVE UPON SIGNATURE BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RTARF AND JUSMAGTHAI. IT WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR AN INITIAL PERIOD OF THREE YEARS FROM THE DATE OF SIGNATURE, AND AS MUTUALLY AGREED THEREAFTER AS LONG AS REQUIRED FOR SUPPORT OF CHIANG MAI/BANGKOK AND KORAT/ BANGKOK COMMUNICATIONS. FAILURE TO ARRIVE AT A MUTUAL AGREEMENT FOR EXTENSION MAY BE CAUSE TO WITHDRAW U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NON-EXCESS ICS ITEMS AT THAT TIME.
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2. SEVERAL CHANGES IN TEXT WERE REQUIRED IN VIEW OF THE
FACT THAT ICS HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE RTG.

3. THE THAI SIDE SUGGESTED INCLUSION OF A SENTENCE WHEREBY
DOD NON-EXCESS ITEMS ON BAILMENT TO THE RTG BE RETURNED
TO THE USG, IF NECESSARY, ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS.

THIS IS REFLECTED IN PARAGRAPH 4 AND CAUSES US NO PROBLEMS

4. ONE OF THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL ASPECTS OF THE WORKING
GROUP DISCUSSIONS IN CONNECTION WITH ICS HAS BEEN OUR
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REQUEST FOR A CHIANG MAI TO BANGKOK COMMUNICATIONS
CAPABILITY ON ICS. THE THAI BELIEVE OUR VOICE-RECORD
PROPOSAL USING THE ICS LINK RESTRICTS THEM TOO MUCH. THEY
ARE PERFECTLY WILLING TO PROVIDE COMMUNICATION BUT WANT
THE FLEXIBILITY TO DECIDE HOW TO MEET OUR NEEDS. BOTH
THE EMBASSY AND THE TECHNICAL-LEVEL MILITARY NEGOTIATORS
AGREE THAT IT IS NOT WORTH OBLIGATING THE THAI TO MEET
OUR NEED EXCLUSIVELY VIA ICS WHEN THEY HAVE OTHER MEANS CURRENTLY
IN OPERATION WHICH CAN PERFORM THE WORK JUST AS ADEQUATELY.
THE FIRST PORTION OF PARAGRAPH 6 PROVIDES PROPOSED, RE-
VISED LANGUAGE OF AGREEMENT.

5. THE MIDDLE PROTION OF PARAGRAPH 6 REFLECTS THE THAI
BELIEF THAT THEY WILL BE UNABLE TO MAINTAIN THE CHIANG
MAI-BANGKOK LINK IN ACCORDANCE WITH U.S. STANDARS,
SUBSTITUTING "U.S." WITH "ACCEPTABLE" STANDARDS, TO WHICH
WE DO NOT OBJECT. THEY CONCUR IN PERMITTING PERIODIC

TECHICAL INSPECTIONS BUT ASK THAT THEY TAKE PLACE AT
THAI REQUEST, WHICH IN REALITY IS NO PROBLEM FOR US.

6. IN THE FINAL PROTION OF THE SAME PARAGRAPH, THE RTG
AGREES TO PROVIDE VOICE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN KORAT AND
BANGKOK BUT DOES NOT WISH TO RESTRICT IT TO THE ICS LINK.
AGAIN, THIS PRESENTS NO PROBLEM TO US HERE, SINCE THE
RESULT WOULD BE THE SAME.

7. IN PARAGRAPH 7, THE RTG AGREES TO PURCHASE REPLACE-
MENT PARTS FROM J.S. SUPPLY SOURCES, LEAVING THE MANNER
OF PURCHASE (FMS OR OTHER) UNSTATED. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION.

8. IN PARAGRAPH 8, SENTENCE "ALL MAP TRAINING IS SUBJECT
TO FUNDING AVAILABILITY" SEEMS TO US TO SUFFICE; A STATE-
MENT THAT NO MAP FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE, AS IN PREVIOUS
PARAGRAPH 3H, IS REDUNDANT.

9. PROVIDED THAT THESE CHANGES ARE ACCEPTABLE IN
WASHINGTON, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAI SIDE WILL SIGN TEXT AS
IT NOW READS. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED PROPOSED BAILMENT
AGREEMENT (REF B) AND WILL COMMENT ON IT AFTER FURTHER
STUDY. HOWEVER, AT FIRST GLANCE, MISSION BELIEVES THAT
STIPULATION THAT ICS CHIANG MAI-BANGKOK LINK BE MAINTAINED
IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXTREMELY HIGH REQUIREMENTS OF MILI-
TARY STANDARD 188 WILL BE UNACCEPTABLE TO THE THAI, WHO
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WOULD SEE THIS AS INHIBITING THEIR FLEXIBILITY IN
OPERATING A SYSTEM WHICH MEETS OUR NEEDSSATISFACTORILY.

10. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT REFERENCES TO TAKHLI WERE DELETED
DURING DISCUSSIONS SINCE THERE APPEAR TO BE NO USG REQUIREMNTS
FOR COMMUNICATOO SUPPORT. IS THIS ASSUMPTION CORRECT? SHOULD
A REQUIREMENT EXIST IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT OTHER USG
SECURE HIGH SPEED COMMUNICATION FACILITIES EXIST BETWEEN TAKHLI
AND BANGKOK WHICH COULD PROVIDE SERVICE.
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